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Executive Order No. 15-93

EXECUTIVE ORDER DESIGNATING THE FRAUD UNIT BENEFITS DEPARTMENT AND UNDERWRITING DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND AS A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY

WHEREAS, the State Fund Fraud Group of the State Compensation Insurance Fund performs as its principal function the administration of criminal justice relating to the Workers' Compensation and Occupational Disease Acts administered by the State Compensation Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, Title 44, chapter 5, MCA, provides for the exchange of criminal justice information to agencies designated as criminal justice information agencies; and

WHEREAS, section 44-5-103(7)(b), MCA, defines "criminal justice agency" to include a state agency designated by a Governor's Executive Order to perform as its principal function the administration of criminal justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, do hereby direct the following:

- 1. That the State Fund Fraud Group of the State Compensation Insurance Fund (to include the Fraud Unit, Benefits Department and Underwriting Department) is designated to perform as its principal function the administration of criminal justice relating to the Workers' Compensation and Occupational Disease Acts administered by the State Compensation Insurance Fund;
- 2. That, as such, the State Fund Fraud Group may operate as a "criminal justice agency" as that phrase is defined in section 44-5-103(7)(b), MCA;
- 3. That the State Fund Fraud Group, in fulfilling its functions as a criminal justice agency, will establish protocols within the State Compensation Insurance Fund for the dissemination of criminal justice information so as to protect the confidentiality of criminal justice information and, prior to the use or dissemination of criminal justice information, will provide communication with the Montana Department of Justice, Criminal Investigation Bureau, and/or the prosecutor in charge of the related criminal action.

This Order is effective immediately. GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 20th day of Montana, this _ October year of our LORD, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three. MARC RACICOT, Governor ATTEST: MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State

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